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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 1999 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 20 and 21:

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20. The electrically actuatable igniter of claim 1 wherein said meta powder is formed by electro-explosion.

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21. The electrically actuatable igniter of claim 11 wherein said electro-explored metal powder includes macro-

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